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AUTONOMISTS

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1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET UNDER PRESIDENT GISCARD
D'ESTAING AUGUST 27 AND TOOK FORMAL ACTION TO DISSOLVE
ACTION POUR LA RENAISSANCE CORSE (ARC), AUTONOMIST GROUP
WHICH CAUSED DISTURBANCES IN CORSICA LAST WEEK RESULTING
IN DEATH OF TWO GENDARMES (REFTELS). AT SAME TIME,
MASSIVE MANHUNT IN CORSICA RESULTED IN ARREST OF TEN OF
ORIGINAL FORTY ARC MILITANTS WHO ESCAPED DURING LAST
WEEK'S GUN BATTLE. TEN HAVE BEEN FLOWN TO MARSEILLE FOR
QUESTIONING AND POSSIBLE ARRAIGNMENT. TO UNDERScore
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GOF'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL UNITY AND LAW AND

ORDER, PRIME MINISTER, DEFENSE MINISTER AND INTERIOR
MINISTER ALL ATTENDED FUNERAL FOR SLAIN GENDARMES
AUGUST 25.

2. TO FURTHER COMPLICATE GOF'S REGIONAL PROBLEM, BOMBS
WERE EXPLODED AT THE HOMES OF TWO FRENCH PARLIAMENTAR-
IANS IN RENNES THE EVENING OF AUGUST 25. WHILE NO GROUP
HAS YET STEPPED FORWARD TO CLAIM THESE EXPLOSIONS, IT IS
WIDELY BELIEVED THAT BRETON AUTONOMISTS WERE RESPONSIBLE.

3. COMMENT: WITH THE ECONOMIC NEWS MORE DEPRESSING
EVERY DAY, THE GOF DOES NOT NEED THESE ADDITIONAL
REGIONAL HEADACHES AS THE POPULATION RETURNS FROM SUM-
MER VACATION. GOF HAS NO CHOICE, THEREFORE, BUT TO ACT
FIRMLY AND QUICKLY TO SUPPRESS TROUBLEMAKERS WHILE
MAKING APPROPRIATE NOISES ABOUT REGIONAL REFORM. SENSE-
LESS KILLING OF TWO GENDARMES HAS NOT HELPED ARC CAUSE,
BUT WHEN SHOCK WEARS OFF, ARRESTED ARC MILITANTS WILL BE
MADE MARTYRS TO CAUSE OF CORSICAN AUTONOMY AND A NEW
ROUND OF VIOLENCE IS LIKELY.
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